

## Falcon Field Airport News -Proposed Adjustments to Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Hello, Falcon Field Airport Tenants & Users,

The City of Mesa would like to share important information regarding proposed adjustments to Falcon Field Airport's Schedule of Fees and Charges, which the [Mesa City Council](#) will be considering at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026. These adjustments are for some existing fees and potential new fees.

### **Why the City is Considering These Fee Adjustments and New Fees**

In 2005, the City sold a parcel of land purchased initially with Airport funds. The proceeds from the sale have been used to help close a growing budget gap and balance the budget each year. Those one-time funds will be exhausted shortly. The City Council's standing direction is that the Airport must rely on revenues collected from airport tenants and users to ensure it is financially self-sustaining. In other words, the City General Funds may not be used to operate, maintain, or improve the airport.

Over the past 3-5 years, the cost of operating and maintaining the airport and paying the Airport's local match for grant-funded capital improvement projects has increased substantially. As a result, maintenance has been deferred on City-owned buildings and airport pavement. Increased capital improvement project costs have resulted in projects being deferred or phased out due to insufficient funding.

In addition, the Airport must soon address the future of the citrus groves west of Greenfield Road, which the Airport owns and maintains. According to the City Water Resources Department, the well that currently provides irrigation water to the groves could become inoperable at any time due to its age. The citrus trees are getting older, and many of them are dying. The long-term solution is to remove the trees and, initially, replace them with 3-4 rows of drought-tolerant trees along Greenfield and McKellips Road, while determining future uses for the interior of these parcels. Selling the land is not a viable option because it would eliminate the buffer between the airport and private development and could result in incompatible land uses. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would also need to approve the sale because the land is considered to be part of the airport.

Beginning with FY2025-26, the City created three (3) cost centers for the Airport: City-Owned Hangars/Tiedowns/Storage Rooms Cost Center, Airfield Cost Center, and Ground Lease Cost Center. Initial attention focused on the City-owned hangars, tiedowns, and storage rooms fees since this cost center was not financially self-sustaining and was being subsidized by the Ground Lease Cost Center. Although hangar, tiedown, and storage room rents were increased in FY2025-26, this Cost Center is still not financially self-sustaining.

Beginning in July 2025, the City embarked on evaluating the cost of operating, maintaining, and improving the Airfield Cost Center, which includes non-exclusive areas of the airport such as the runways, taxiways, airfield lighting, safety areas, taxi lanes, landing aids, non-exclusive ramp

areas, the terminal building, the Airport maintenance facility, and the citrus groves land buffer located west of Greenfield Road that the Airport owns.

Financial analysis determined that the Airfield Cost Center is also not financially self-sustaining.

The only revenue currently being generated to maintain the Airfield Cost Center is fuel flowage fees, which totaled \$322,151 in FY24/25. This Cost Center is primarily subsidized and paid for by the ground lease tenants (i.e., Ground Lease Cost Center).

After exploring several alternatives with a stakeholder working group established by Councilmember Alicia Goforth, the decision was made to present the City Council with the attached (Exhibit A) proposed fee adjustments for consideration. **This Exhibit only includes proposed fee adjustments and new fees. Existing fees that are not being considered for adjustment are not listed, but will continue to be charged at their current rate.**

### **Tenant Questions & Feedback**

The Airport will be holding virtual informational meetings on the following dates and times to answer questions about the proposed fees. We invite you to attend at least one of these meetings by accessing the Zoom link below.

### **Meeting Dates & Times**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

### **Zoom link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83274963686?pwd=wIEaS3nKNn7WbwCGfldSKInqzuwSNI.1>

Meeting ID: 832 7496 3686

Passcode: 522948

Thank you for your interest in Falcon Field's future. We appreciate your participation and feedback as the City considers these proposed fees.

Falcon Field Airport

**Schedule of Fees & Charges**

**Exhibit A**

**Falcon Field Airport**

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<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Current Fee Range</b>	<b>Proposed Fee Range</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Landing Fees</b>					New Language
<i>Based Aircraft &lt; 6,000 lbs. MLW (5 free landings per month)</i>		<b>\$29.95</b>	<b>Per Landing</b>	\$1,816,849.00	New Language & Fees
<i>Based Aircraft &gt; 6,000 lbs. MLW (5 free landings per month)</i>		<b>\$5.50</b>	<b>Per 1,000 lbs.</b>	\$0	New Language & Fees
<i>Itinerant Aircraft &lt; 6,000 lbs. MLW</i>		<b>\$33.95</b>	<b>Per Landing</b>	\$1,393,725.00	New Language & Fees
<i>Itinerant Aircraft &gt; 6,000 lbs. MLW</i>		<b>\$6.50</b>	<b>Per 1,000 lbs.</b>	\$50,948.00	New Language & Fees
Tie Downs					
<i>Small Single Engine Aircraft</i>					Delete.
<i>Small Twin Engine Aircraft</i>					Delete.
<i>Large Propeller Aircraft (&gt; 12,500 lbs. MGTW)</i>					Delete.
<i>Jet Aircraft</i>					Delete.
<i>Helicopter</i>					Delete.

<b>Open Tie Down</b>	\$55.00	<b>\$68.00</b>	Month	\$17,791.00	New Language. Increased fee.
<i>Covered Tie Down</i>	\$151.00	<b>\$168.00</b>	Month	\$23,868.00	Increased fee.
<i>Tie Down Transfer Fee</i>	\$50.00	<b>\$100.00</b>	Per Transfer	\$50.00	Increased fee.
<b>Tie Down Security Deposit (may be refundable; Collected at signing of Agreement)</b>					New Language.
<b>Open Tie down</b>		<b>\$136.00</b>	<b>Tie Down</b>	\$136.00	New Language. New fee.
<b>Covered Tie Down</b>		<b>\$336.00</b>	<b>Tie Down</b>	\$336.00	New Language. New fee.
hangars					
<i>Regular T-Hangar</i>	\$308.00	<b>\$339.00</b>	Month	\$135,036.00	Increased fee.
<i>Large T-Hangar</i>	\$465.00	<b>\$512.00</b>	Month	\$21,996.00	Increased fee.
<i>Small Executive Hangar</i>	\$724.00	<b>\$796.00</b>	Month	\$5,184.00	Increased fee.
<i>Large Executive Hangar</i>	\$1,464.00	<b>\$1,610.00</b>	Month	\$5,256.00	Increased fee.
<b>Hangar Security Deposit (may be refundable; collected at signing of agreement)</b>					New Language.
Regular T-Hangar	\$300.00	<b>\$678.00</b>	Hangar	\$378.00	Increased fee.
Large T-Hangar	\$350.00	<b>\$1,024.00</b>	Hangar	\$674.00	Increased fee.
Small Executive Hangar	\$400.00	<b>\$1,592.00</b>	Hangar	\$0	Increased fee.
Large Executive Hangar	\$450.00	<b>\$3,220.00</b>	Hangar	\$0	Increased fee.
Storage Rooms					
<i>Small</i>	\$86.00	<b>\$112.00</b>	Month	\$22,776.00	Increased fee.
<i>Large</i>	\$204.00	<b>\$224.00</b>	Month	\$2,880.00	Increased fee.
<b>Storage Room Security Deposit (may be refundable; collected at signing of agreement)</b>					New language.
Small	\$100.00	<b>\$224.00</b>	Each	\$0	Increased fee.
Large	\$200.00	<b>\$448.00</b>	Each	\$0	Increased fee.
Facility Application Fee					

<del>Open Tie Down Small Single Engine Aircraft</del>					Delete.
<del>Open Tie Down Small Twin Engine Aircraft</del>					Delete.
<del>Open Tie Down Large Propeller Aircraft (&gt;12,500-lbs. MGTW)</del>					Delete.
<del>Open Tie Down Jet Aircraft</del>					Delete.
<del>Open Tie Down Helicopter</del>					Delete.
<b>Open Tie Down</b>	\$100.00		Tie Down		New language.
Late Payment Fee (Hangars, Tie Downs, Storage Rooms)	\$20% of Account Balance Due		Month		Delete \$ from fee.
Fuel Flowage Fee					
100LL AVGAS & Alternative Fuels	\$0.14	<b>\$0.15</b>	Per Gallon	\$14,665.00	Increased Fee.
Lease <b>Document Transaction Fee</b>	\$300.00	<b>\$500.00</b>	Each	\$4,800.00	Delete 'Lease'/Update language. Increased fee.
Rental Car Concessions					
Rental Car Parking Space - Car	\$30.00		<b>Month</b>		Add unit.
<b>Terminal Advertising Board Display</b>		<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Month</b>	\$1,200.00	New language. New fee.

**Estimated Total Annual Fiscal Impact:**

**\$3,518,549.00**

- [FY25-26 Fees and Charges Exhibit A Falcon Field mid-yr.pdf](#)

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